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Status

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.136(b).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 1 .

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the induction motor with skewed rotor laminations, the permanent magnet with skewed rotor laminations, the salient poles synchronous motor, the method of collecting reliable data and the apparatus to collect reliable data on the fluid flow must be shown or the features canceled from the claims. No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 12-14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 12-14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The specification does not enable or contain a full, clear, concise, and exact written description of an induction motor, a synchronous motor, or a permanent magnet motor with skewed rotor laminations. The specification does not enable or contain a full, clear, concise, and exact written description of the method or means by which reliable flow data will be collected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1, 8-12, 14-17, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hatsuda et al. (Hatsuda)(JP 11-230,088). Hatsuda teaches a pump with salient stator poles in a packed stator 9 and magnetically driving a skewed reluctance

rotor, through magnetic induction. The stator being potted to form a conduit being the stator 1 and the rotor. The rotor includes a coating 23. The switched reluctance motor inherently being a DC switched current. The conduit for the rotor being an substantially air tight to allow the passage of the fluid through the pump.

7. Claims 1-4, 7-9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takura et al. (Takura)(US 6,109,887). Takura teaches a pump with salient stator poles embedding in a resin for driving a permanent magnet rotor with skewed laminations through magnetic induction. Takura teaches the stator is a three phase AC source. The resin forms a conduit tube between the stator and rotor. The rotor laminations are coated with a waterproofing layer (col. 6, line 11).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 1-7 and 9-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schob et al. (Schob)(US 6,053,705) and Stanley (US 5,266,859). Schob teaches a pump with salient stator poles 7 interlocked with conduit 9 and magnetically driving a skewed reluctance rotor (fig 6). Schob teaches the tube 9 being non magnetic metal or plastic (col. 5, line 14). It is inherent that the conduit is part of the stator. The rotor

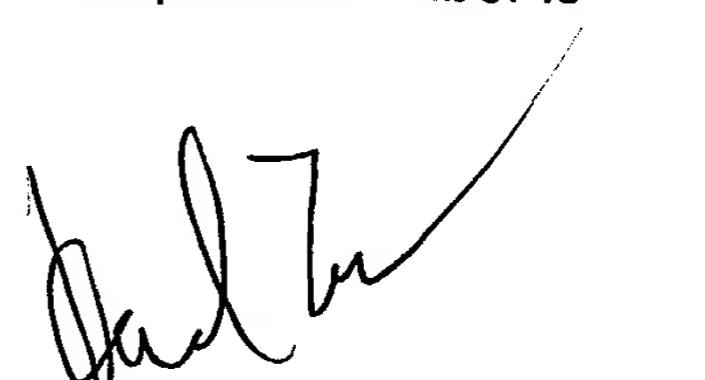
being covered in a plastic coating 1f and including permanent magnets. The switched reluctance motor inherently being a DC switched current. The conduit for the rotor being an substantially air tight to allow the passage of the fluid through the pump. Schob teaches sensors 15 to determine the speed and position of the rotor. Schob teaches every aspect of the invention except the rotor being laminated. Stanley teaches that rotor laminations can be easily skewed during assembly. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the motor of Schob with the rotor being laminated to provide easy assembly, as taught by Stanley.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl I.E. Tamai whose telephone number is (703) 305-7066.

The examiner can be normally contacted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Nestor Ramirez, can be reached at (703) 308-1371. The facsimile number for the Group is (703) 305-3432.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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